At Jesus' Feet.

At Jesus' feet I take my place:
I touch his garment's hem:
A helpless child in need of grace
My Lord will not condemn.

I have no hope but in his love;
His promise is my plea
I give myself to him who strove
E'en unto death for me.

I only ask that I may know
What he would have me do,
That my obedient life may show
The grace that bears me through.

I've nothing, Lord, to offer thee
But this weak heart of mine:
O take it, Lord, and let it be
Thine own, forever thine.

THOMAS MCKELLAR.

Home Missions.

The elements are boisterous without this morning, and as a good warm fire invites, we will in its quiet enjoyments, pen a few thoughts relative to Home Missions.

The enterprise originated in the purpose of God, prompted, we believe by infinite love; and from the first disclosure to our parents in Eden, to the present, its developement has been in progress. When Jesus was born, the annunciation was, "Fear not; for behold I bring you good tidings of a great joy which shall be to all people."

The purpose of our gracious Lord was, and is, to save the race. "The Son of Man came to seek and save that which was lost;" adding, "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations and then shall the end come"—again, just before he ascended to his mediatorial throne on high, he said to his disciples, "All power is given unto me in heaven and on earth. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world"—we think it quite plain and we know it is almost universally admitted, "that the spirit of missions is the spirit of Christ," and if any man have not the spirit of Christ he is none of his To be a true Christian is to be missionary in heart; and we believe that every child of God will become missionaries in practice if taught according to the scriptures.

Evidence: Andrew when he had found Jesus, hastened in search of his brother Simon; and Philip, when he had found the Messiah, invited and urged Nathaniel to come and see Jesus of Nazareth.

We hold that the natural order is the Scriptural order, "Beginning at Jerusalem."

The spirit of missions, like leaven in meal, influences those nearest it first—Hence home work holds prior claims upon us. The example of the great missionary Jesus Christ fully confirms this idea. He came not only to save sinners, but he was "the apostle and Priest of our profession"—preminently a home missionary. His whole public life was one continued series of missionary labor. He went from city to city and from village to village, throughout Palestine, "preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God and saying The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye and believe the gospel." He chose and qualified the "twelve" to labor among the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Then "other seventy also," and sent them forth two and two before his face into every city and place whither he would come."

These first missionaries were sent out by Jesus and relied solely upon the liberality of their hearers for support. The order, after the instructions of Jesus were completed, was changed. Yet the work must be done.

For some eight years, the great work was confined to the home field until the extension by God's direction by Peter, to the Gentiles at the house of Cornelius. Hence we learn that home work antedates foreign work.

Experience, as well as apostolic practice, confirms the truth that an efficient home work always culminates in more extended fields. When home work is neglected there is always indifference toward foreign efforts.

We feel glad that there is a little of the mission spirit among us here in the West. "The harvest is plenteous" and laborers are needed; but they cannot labor at their own charges. Brethren of Kans: to you we appeal especially. Do not forget to contribute to our mission work. Bro. Bauman is ready and waiting to serve in the work to which he has been called. But remember, "The laborer is worthy of his meat." The laborer is worthy of his hire and should be supported for "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they who preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel." Ministers never were intended as beneficiaries or paupers.

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Young Christian.

Have you carefully and seriously pondered upon the worth of the soul? If not, let me entreat you to do so if there are any who should entertain false ideas of religion, or in other words, that religion is gloomy and destitute of cheerfulness. How beautifully adapted to this are the lines of the poet,

Religion never was designed
To make our pleasures less.

We have the blessed assurance that he giveth that peace of mind which passeth all understanding, to those who will seek it. Young Christian, then be up and doing while God still gives you time and opportunity to do so. Shun all that is evil, be humble, follow the ways of virtue which are pleasant and lead to life. The world is fast fading, but the soul is immortal and God is eternal.

Think this, if I choose God for my portion then mercy and goodness shall follow me whilst I live, and glory and eternity crown me when I die. You all have a talent; try to improve it. Watch therefore for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of Man cometh. Be ye ready, that when the Master cometh you may hear the welcome applaud come ye blessed of my Father inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. M. E. DOUTT.

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Christianity and Education.

FROM A SERMON AT CHRIST M. E CHURCH BY REV. DR. HIRST.—PITTSBURGH.

At Christ M. E. Church recently the pastor, Rev. A. C. Hirst, D. D., preached a sermon on the subject, "The relation of Christianity to Education." The texts were selected as follows:—"I am the light of the world" John—8:12; "Ye are all the children of light and the children of the day" 1. Thess. 5:5 In the course of his remarks Dr. Hirst said:—Who shall educate the youth of the Nation, is the great question confronting us. Merely secular education eliminates a personal God, and makes no provision in its plan and discipline for the culture of man's moral and spiritual nature. Christianity is in most intimate relationship with every agency that enlightens and exalts manhood, and is the great leader of all mental activity and progress. It is not an accident but in the very nature of things, that inventions, science, art, progress and enriching civilizations follow in the march of a pure Christianity.

The very nature and methods of the Gospel neccessitate mental culture, because its ideas stimulate, as nothing else can, the mind to its best activity. It is a spiritual light and force that has come into the world, and as such submits itself to man's crucial test of experience and pratical application. Thus making its direct appeal, to thought, it is the friend and stimulant of thought. Recognizing the dignity and integrity of every mind and will and conscience, to these it makes its appeal, presenting the grand facts of God: Sin, redemption, the judgment, heaven, hell; and man at once under this challenge to his thought studies with care, law, evidence, conscience, human responsibility; studies himself as a subject of God's moral and spiritual government, and as an heir of immortality, The methods of Christianity prompt not only to the study of revelation, but also of nature, and both are received as from God. Every fact written in the rocks or on the sky declares God. And if the student in the study of revelation and science finds a seeming antagonism he more carefully examines the facts, feeling that either he has made a misinterpretation of nature or of the work of God.

Most of the leading scientists have been Christians, showing Christianity the true friend of science and of all its investigations and discoveries. Bacon removed the driftwood from the rivers of thought, and opened the pure channels of inductive philosphy. To his faith the Redeemer was a personal friend and guide. Kepler, who discovered the laws of the planets in their revolution round the sun, believed in a personal God, to whom he breathed his soul's desires. Newton, who unraveled the mysteries of light and colors, and grasped the golden key that unlocked the secrets of gravitation, was a Christian.

That scheme of philosphy or system of education is not perfect, harmonious or permanent which ignores the spiritual in man. The poetic, the philosophic, the god-like are combined in men, and the culture that includes them all in the sweep of its discipline is the richest and most complete. Christian colleges and universities are the saving agencies in the education of the young. The science of God and heaven is the true science.

The Laborers Are Few.

Sir William Muir, well known to missionaries in India, said in a recent address onmissions, that he did not attribute imperfect success to the methods employed by missionaries, but to the *utter inadequacy of their numbers*. "Look at Central Asia and Central Africa, with their vast and thickly-populated countries, left in gross darkness, or with but here and there a glimmer, making the darkness all the deeper. What again are we doing in that great and open field of Persia? At most, but *one or two missionaries for the whole people.* Arabia is left untouched. The northern shores of Africa, once noble Sees under Cyprian and Augustine, afterward swallowed up in the Saracen invasion, and now once more open to us through European influence, are equally neglected. So, too, with Cyprus and Egypt, gotten, as we are wont to say, with 'peace and honor;' but their is no peace or honor to the church, when we obtain a kingdom and leave it without the message of peace from the King of heaven." When will true Christians have done with their sectarian strifes, and disputations, and divisions, and, shaking themselves free from human yokes of bondage, stand forth in that unity for which Jesus prayed, "that the *world* may believe that thou hast sent me?" When will they unite heart and hand upon Christ, the one foundation, receiving one another as Christ hath received them, and shaking themselves free from that worldly friendship which is ever enmity with God? When will they consolidate their skeleton sects into living churches of Jesus Christ; send the price of their useless mosques and gorgeous pagodas to plant the gospel among the nations that sit in darkness; ship off their superfluous ministers, who can *preach*, to carry glad tidings to nations who sit in darkness, and sustain them while doing it? And, finally, when will the *people themselves* who know the Lord, enter this wide, white harvest field, like those saints of old who "went everywhere preaching the word?"—THE ARMORY.

Spare when you are young and spend when you are old.

Indolence is the rust of the mind and the inlet of every vice.

Moral courage is the rarest of qualities, and often maligned.

The path of duty in this world is the road of salvation in the next.

Women are afflicted by trifles, but they are also consoled by trifles.

The language of women should be luminous, but not voluminous.

No man is more severely punished than he who is subject to the whip of his own remorse.

To an honest mind, the best prequisities of a place are the advantages it gives a man of doing good.

He who comes up to his own idea of greatness, must always have a very low standard of it in his time.

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